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Ducks Return to Duxbury



REDUX under sail with Jeff Grey, Debby and Pete Jones.

Aug. 14 marked the reintroduction to the waters of Duxbury Bay of the Duxbury Duck, an 18-ft centerboard sloop designed by renowned naval architect, John Alden in 1924.

For many years the Duck was a favorite of many Duxbury sailors but in 1954 Hurricane Carol devastated many of the boats, thus putting an end to an era.

Early in 1997, as reported in the Jan. 22 *Clipper*, Snug Harbor Boatworks announced that they would resume building the wooden sloop, maintaining the exact same hull mandated by Alden but utilizing the modern cold-molded technique of construction. This affords a more spacious interior, a lighter overall vessel, with the strength, durability and aesthetic appeal of a wooden boat but with the low annual maintenance usually associated with a fiberglass hull.

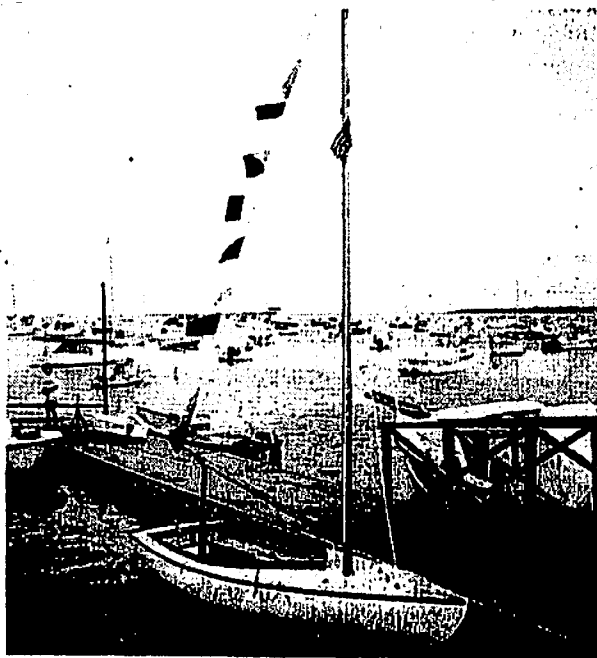
The new generation of Ducks feature a more "user-friendly" cockpit, traditional fittings which incorporate new technology and simplified rigging. The initial trial in a stiff breeze proved stability and speed as anticipated.

Jeff Grey, owner of Snug Harbor Boatworks, presided with his associate, John Daley, over the launching of the first new Duck, christened **REDUX**, which was witnessed by a number of interested local sailors. The boat is moored at Snug Harbor Boatworks for those wishing to view it.

Construction of the next Duck will commence in the coming weeks.



John Daley and Jeff Grey (top) put the finishing touches on **REDUX** while owners Debby and Pete Jones await the launching.



The new *REDUX* at rest after launching.



Among those present for the launching ceremonies of *REDUX* were (l-r) Franklin Hoyt, Paul Drummey, Ginny Ladd, Mrs. Jackson Kent, Jackson Kent, Carol Loring, Debby Jones (with flowers), Hamilton Bowman (kneeling), Mrs. Franklin Hoyt, Brad Leyland, Nancy Riegel, Dorothy Drummey, Ann Bowman, Sherman Hoyt, and Connie Leyland